

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

### Class of Fifteen Graduate from Monett High School.

The graduation exercises of the Monett high school were held in the auditorium Friday evening. There were fifteen in the class this year and all were bright students.

The session opened with the invocation by Rev. J. S. Allen.

Edwin Johnson was salutatorian and gave an oration on "The Master Force of Progress."

Miss Edna Standridge was valedictorian and her oration subject was, "Hamilton and the Constitution."

W. T. Carrington, president of the Springfield State Normal School gave a short address. He gave a sensible, straight forward talk on the value of an education and the influence of church, home and school upon a young persons life.

Miss May Randolph gave a reading "Old Ace," and Edgar Price, an oration "Mark Anthony."

Each number was well given and was appreciated by the large audience.

The music was especially good. The high school orchestra played several selections.

Mrs. William Kines sang "A Gypsy Maiden," by Parker. Miss Neva Overton gave a piano solo, "Polonaise No. III" by Chopin. Strauss-Palmer's "Springtime" was sung by the school chorus.

The diplomas were presented to the class by George Wilhelm.

Miss Edna Standridge was presented with the valedictorian's medal which is offered each year by Will T. Stocker to the pupil winning highest honors.

### Marionville Girls May Come Into a Fortune.

Marionville, Mo., May 13.—F. J. Melton is working on a claim in an estate in New York City in which Margaret Beere, daughter of Mrs. Mattie Beere, is interested. The estate is valued at about \$26,000 and Miss Margaret, under the law, of the state is entitled to the principal share. She gets her claim through her father, P. C. Beere, who died several years ago. Mr. Melton was working on a pension claim for Mrs. Beere and in writing to some parties in New York, happened to get in correspondence with the probate judge or judges of the surrogate court, as it is called in New York, who had been trying for two or three years to locate the only heir, P. C. Beere. Two parties a man and a woman, in New York, claimed to be the only heirs and secured \$7,000 of the estate, but after the fact had been established that P. C. Beere, who died here, was the legal heir it was evident that the New York parties were swindlers, and an effort is being made to recover the \$7,000 and to prosecute the swindlers. Mr. Melton thinks that everything will be proven up satisfactory and in time Miss Margaret will come in possession of a nice little fortune.

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### Headstones for Deceased Soldiers.

Orrin Barker, Quartermaster of Eagle Post #92, G. A. R. has just received from the Quartermaster General at Washington, nine headstones for their deceased comrades as follows: E. J. Day, Jas. F. Wilson, Nathan S. Hendershot, Louis King, Jackson Newberry, Geo. W. Parvis, Jas. Meador, Rufus Bowman, Isaac E. Woods.

These headstones are of the best white marble 39x12x4 inches in size and are inscribed with the name, company and state regiment of the deceased comrade cut in relief with a sunken shield.

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### Set in Her Way

Sweet Mary Jane sat fourteen days and wouldn't deign to rise. Although her folks tried every way to make her realize that it was quite unladylike to sit all day and night. And never change her attitude or rouse her appetite.

They coaxed, teased and threatened her, and still she would not stand. And when they tried to raise her up she bit them on the hand.

They didn't want to do her harm or call in the police. And yet they sorrowed at the thought of Mary Jane's decease. But Mary Jane knew what was best, she wisewas than men. She sat until she'd had her set, for Mary was a hen.

—Republic.

### Verona News.

From The Advocate

John Halterman has moved his household goods to Monett.

Mrs. Maie Beaman spent Wednesday in Monett with friends.

Rev. H. Friedrich and Francis Young were Monett visitors Wednesday afternoon.

The school board met Saturday morning and elected teachers for the ensuing year: W. R. Taylor, Principal; Viva Hoover, Primary; Etta Muse, Intermediate.

The Catholic church was the scene of a very pretty wedding Tuesday morning which event took place at 9 o'clock. The contracting parties were Miss Frona Lechner and Mr. Charles Korba, both of them from very prominent families of this county, and the wedding was performed by Rev. Fr. Andrews, the ceremony being the nuptial high mass.

### Cassville News.

From The Democrat.

Mrs. F. N. Reese returned Tuesday from a visit with relatives at Monett.

The cyclone loss on the Baptist church at Golden was settled last week. The policy was for \$500.

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### Solons Increase Pay.

Jefferson City, May 14.—The senate tonight passed the house resolution submitting amendment to the constitution increasing pay of legislators from \$5 to \$10 a day. The resolution was amended by increasing the length of a session from seventy to ninety days.

### Springfield Wants New Electric Light Plant.

A plan is on foot at Springfield to organize a second electric light company in that city. The company if formed will be of local capitalists who have become dissatisfied with conditions as they now exist and propose to have better service and lower rates. An electrician says: "The public is paying 15 cents per kilowatt for electricity which should cost 5 cents, and at the most not more than 10 cents per kilowatt. There is no reason why a company should not furnish current at 7 cents per kilowatt to regular consumers."

### Keep The Road Drains Unobstructed.

This is the time of the year for trimming brush, hedges, etc. along the fence and roadsides. In my travels over the state the fact is very noticeable that many farmers persist in throwing these trimmings into the side ditches of the roads or else where they may be washed into the ditches. This brush washes down to the culverts and lodges across or in the opening to choke the culvert and thereby obstruct the free flow of water, forcing it into or across the roadbed. The result is a vast amount of damage to the traveled roadway.

No man has a legal nor a moral right to obstruct a road drain. The law is plain upon this. But it should not be necessary to penalize anybody for this infringement of the law. Good roads should be the desire of all and every man should lend his efforts toward keeping the roads passable, at least as far as not to throw obstructions in the ditches. It is impossible to keep a firm roadbed without drainage and the ditches must be kept open and unobstructed in order to get the drainage.

I sincerely hope that every man will give this matter some thought and consideration. The road officials cannot make the roads without the aid and interest of the citizenship of the state. Certainly not if the citizens persist in ignoring the main feature of a good road that is, drainage.

It costs money to keep up the roads and every property holder is paying his part. It requires some of that money to repair a washout or water soaked roadbed caused by an obstructed drain and withdraws just that amount from the general improvement of the road. Do not impede your local road official and thereby your own interests by carelessly or willfully obstructing the road drains. Yours truly, CURTIS HILL, State Highway Engineer.

Columbia, Mo., May 13, 1909.

John Courdin and family are moving to the country.

Mrs. Thos. Markwell visited with friends in Peirce City Saturday.

Johnnie Lucile Ferguson has returned from several days visit with her uncle Barnes Withers in the country.

R. T. Brite and J. E. Wicks of the Brite & Wicks Grocery Company, of Peirce City have dissolved partnership. Mr. Brite will continue in the business, the firm being known as the R. T. Brite Grocer Company.

The primary pupils in the high school building, Plymouth school and Forest Park school enjoyed a picnic at Forest Park Friday. A good program by the different schools was given. About two hundred pupils and visitors were present and all enjoyed the occasion very much.

### County Court Proceedings

Frank Jackson filed claim for killing six wolves and presented scalps, and he was allowed \$18.00; one-half payable by the county and state each.

Road petition of W. I. Green for public road; Scotch Land Co. allowed \$1.00 damages; survey ordered at expense of petitioners.

Road petition of J. F. Chastain, W. H. Wormington et al, for a new road; damages were assessed as follows: W. Eden, \$12; Woody estate, \$12; school district, \$1; survey ordered at expense of petitioners.

J. A. Clevenger was appointed constable of Mineral township, vice D. A. Cares, who refused to qualify.

The court found that the amount necessary to meet and pay the expenses of Barry county for the year 1909 would be \$25,000; for road districts and townships \$10,000. The following levies were made: 15c for state; 2c for state interest; 50c for county revenue; 20c for road revenue, including Monett special road district, excepting corporate limits of towns, cities and villages. The court found that the proportion of all county tax bears to that levied for state purposes is 2 16-17 times that levied for state purposes on like property for the same year.

Notice from Nevada asylum that Nellie Washick has been furloughed from said asylum, April 7, 1909.

J. C. King asked Court for railroad fare of boy from Deaf and Dumb asylum, and the Court refused to allow same.

Dramshop license granted W. J. Fleming at Monett.

Collector ordered to take credit for \$320 erroneous valuation of personal property for 1908, belonging to Mrs. M. J. Hankins.

Quarterly statement of M. E. Newman, sheriff, filed and approved.

Bond of M. E. Gentry, constable of Butterfield township, approved.

Petition of citizens of Jenkins for a bridge across Flat Creek; the petitioners were heard and the bridge found to be necessary for accommodation of the public, and that there would be sufficient funds available in special road and bridge fund for the year 1909, it was ordered that a steel bridge be built across Flat Creek at Jenkins, at a probable cost of \$1,500.

Mrs. M. C. Shipley visited in Peirce City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pendergrass are visiting at Hallowell, Kan.

Eli Marshall went to Mt. Vernon on business Saturday.

Miss Edith Boston returned home Friday after a visit with Miss Marvin Harrison.

Clyde Reed of Cassville, attended the commencement exercises here Friday night.

Mrs. Thos. Judkins and Mrs. Will Haddock, visited in Purdy Saturday.

Edgar Price has accepted a position with the Wells-Fargo Express Co. He will work at night.

Will Trimble and Miss Goldie Johnson have secured license to marry.

Mrs. C. L. Jerome and children and Mrs. O. G. Donlay and son visited relatives in Monett Thursday.

Mrs. Thos. Gaw, of Kansas, is visiting Mrs. J. P. Westbay.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Herron are the parents of a son born Monday May 10.

Harry Sullivan has returned to his home at Baxter Springs.

Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. Mashmier, of St. Louis, are visiting Mrs. L. D. McKee.

Mrs. John Pilant went to Carthage Saturday to visit her son, Clint Pilant.

M. R. Floyd, who had been superintendent of the Peirce City school the past two years, has accepted the superintendency of the Miami, Okla., schools.

### The New Game Law

The fish and game bill is now a law, having been passed by the legislature, with an emergency clause, which causes it to take effect from and after its passage.

Protection of Fish—No method of fishing allowed except hook and line, and spearing. No one allowed to fish above or below a dam within 200 feet of the dam.

Protection of Game—Open season on squirrels from July 1 to December 31; on quail and turkey from November 1 to December 31. Absolutely no game to be sold in the state.

Penalties for violating the Law—Fines to be from \$10 to \$500, or a jail sentence at \$1 a day till the fine is paid.

Fish and Game Commissioners—One or more fish and game commissioners for each congressional district, who will be paid \$3 a day and actual expenses while engaged in the enforcement of the law and the same fees for each conviction that are paid to sheriffs in the case of convictions. District commissioners to be appointed by the state fish and game commissioner, and subject to removal by him for neglect of duty or inefficient service.

Means of Revenue for the Payment of Fish and Game Commissioners—Every person who hunts to pay a license, except his hunting be confined to his own lands or lands he has leased, County license \$1.00 a year. This gives the hunter the right to hunt in his own and adjoining counties. State resident license \$5.00 a year. Non-resident license \$25.00 a year.

Note the fact that for a person to get a county license he must be a resident of the county. This means that practically all residents of our large cities who wish to hunt will be compelled to pay a state license.

Note the further fact that hunters will be severely punished for trespassing on men's farms.

Now fish and game protection and propagation are possible. Under the law just repealed it would be but a short time until there would be no game or fish. The present law is against the town bum and the country vagrant who slaughter game and destroy fish illegally.

### Sunday School Convention.

The Shoal Creek Township Sunday School Convention will be held at Mt. Joy, on the fifth Sunday in May 1909, opening at 10 o'clock.

10:00 Song by the Choir.

Devotional exercises, by Prof. Lough.

10:15 Welcome address by G. E. Ayers.

Response by Sherman Francis.

10:30 "The Superintendent during the Sunday School Lesson," by Superintendents present.

11:00 "The Teacher his responsibility and possibility," opened by Prof. Lough.

12:00 Dinner on the ground.

1:30 Song Service, Conducted by Will Riddle.

2:00 Children's Meeting, led by Miss Lula Lough.

Ladies' Quartette.

2:30 How to keep up the Interest in Sunday School during the Summer months, led by David Hopkins.

3:00 Round Table, by T. J. Elkins.

Purdy Male Quartette.

3:30 Reports of Delegates and talks by Superintendents.

4:00 Selection of time and place for next meeting.

Plenty of good singing by Music Chapel and Joy classes.

By order of Township President

C. B. CAMPBELL.

### Need Common Sense.

As long as the man with a good farm, a lot of cattle and horses and all of the credit he wants at the bank sits around regretting that he didn't go a business college so he could live in town, wear good clothes and have a job at seventy-five or a hundred dollars a month, you mustn't expect the country at large to have too much common sense.—Lamar Democrat.

Clarence Doyle and Jim Casey visited friends in Peirce City Sunday.

### Lamar Democrat Sayings

When big things go wrong, they appall you. When little things go wrong they madden you mad.

When you've been off several days resting up, you usually begin to rest two or three days again, before you are able to go back to work.

"Can a woman dress herself decently upon a hundred dollars a year?" asks a ladies' magazine. We know a lot of women who would like to try it.

When you don't want to borrow a dollar, you are given to understand that you could borrow all you wanted. When you do there isn't much money to loan. How bitterly have many men learned this lesson.

The man whose boast it is that he talks the same as to peoples faces that he does behind their back is one of two things. Either he is a colossal liar or one of the most insulting men that ever had whole neighborhoods for their enemies.

### Biliousness and Constipation

For years I was troubled with biliousness and constipation, which made life miserable for me. My appetite failed me. I lost my usual force and vitality. Pepsin preparations and cathartics only made matters worse. I do not know where I should have been today had I not tried Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. The tablets relieve the ill feeling at once, strengthen the digestive functions, purify the stomach, liver and blood.—Mrs. ROSA PORTER, Birmingham, Ala. These tablets are for sale by all druggists.

### Base Ball.

The base ball game played between the Monett and Fayetteville teams Saturday and Sunday were the best played here this season. The teams were evenly matched and played fast and well.

At the end of the nine innings on Saturday the score was 0 to 0. A home run by Leckie in the tenth inning decided the game in Monett's favor.

One of the largest crowds of the season attended Sunday and the game was equally interesting. Fourteen innings were played and the tie was finally broken by Monett. The score was 3 to 4.

### Lived 152 Years

Wm. Parr, England's oldest man, married the third time at 120 worked in the fields till 132 and lived 20 years longer. People should be youthful at 80. James Wright, of Spurlock, Ky., shows how to remain young. "I feel just like a 16-year-old boy," he writes, "after taking six bottles of Electric Bitters. For thirty years kidney trouble made life a burden, but the first bottle of this wonderful medicine convinced me I had found the greatest cure on earth." They're a godsend to weak, sickly, run-down or old people. Try them. 50 cents at A. F. Cox & Co's.

### A Bad Wreck

Two persons killed and thirty-five others more or less injured is the result of the derailling of a passenger train on the Chicago & Alton two miles east of Odessa, Saturday. The tender, combination baggage and passenger coaches were derailed and rolled down the embankment.

### Mar-Vel-lous!

At a baseball game in Chicago the gatekeeper hurried to Comiskey, leader of the White Sox, and said: "Empire Hurst is here with two friends. Shall I pass 'em in?"

"An umpire with two friends!" gasped Comiskey. "Sure!"—Everybody's Magazine.

### Tolerton to be Game Warden.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 15.—Governor Hadley will appoint his secretary, Rush C. Lake, State Coal Oil Inspector. The appointment will be made about August 15. The office pays a salary of \$3,000 a year. The Governor also announced that he had tendered the position of Game Warden to Jesse A. Tolerton, of Taney County.